

REMARKS

In the December 22, 2005, Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 3, 5-6, 12, 14-16 and 27 were withdrawn from consideration, objected to the drawings, rejected claims 1-2, 10-11, 19, 25, and 28-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Verplaetse et al., rejected claims 4 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Verplaetse et al. in view of either Danner et al., rejected claims 17-18, 20-21 and 26 under §103(a) as unpatentable over Verplaetse et al. in view of Dworzin et al., rejected claim 22 as unpatentable over Verplaetse et al. in view of Rumfelt, rejected claims 7-9 under §103(a) as unpatentable over Verplaetse et al. in view of Recce, and allowed claims 23-24.

In this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 7, 17-18, and 28-29 and amended claims 2, 4, 8-11, 19, 20-22 and 25 to make them dependant upon allowed claim 23. Applicants additionally have deleted the terminology “dead-man” from the claims because that terminology is superfluous. Specifically, in the specification at paragraphs [0018] and [0022], this element is described as a sensor or switch. Claims 13 and 26 now ultimately depend from allowed claim 23 as well. Accordingly, all of the pending claims now should be in condition for allowance.

With respect to the Examiner’s objections to the drawings, Applicant submits an amended FIG. 1 and new FIG. 2 to overcome the Examiner’s objection. Applicant has amended the specification to include references to these amended drawings. New FIG. 1 includes an energy source and a light indicator. New FIG. 2 shows a firearm and handle. Since everything in the new drawings previously was described in the original specification and claims, nothing in the amended drawings constitutes new matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2837

Respectfully submitted,

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